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Meet a Scientologist—Adriana Clarizio Didn't Want to Put Up with "The Way Things Are"

For Adriana Clarizio, disagreeing was the first step in changing things. Her profile is one of 200 "Meet a Scientologist" videos available on the Scientology website at www.Scientology.org.

There was nothing particularly wrong with her life—but for Adriana Clarizio “not too bad” was not good enough.

“I was attending university and I was doing fine,” says Clarizio, “but there was something about it that seemed wrong to me. I didn’t like the way people treated each other—there was far too much criticism and faultfinding.”

Not knowing how to change it, the prospect of living the rest of her life like that was intolerable.

Clarizio mentioned her dilemma to her aunt and uncle, both Scientologists. She didn't get the customary shrug and "what can you do?" that she had come to expect from others. Rather, they recommended a course called *The Ups and Downs in Life*, saying it would give her some insight into why people act that way and provide her some direction. Enrolling on the course at the Church of Scientology Mission in Elizabeth, New Jersey, Clarizio was amazed.

"The course helped me sort this out. I realized there was nothing wrong with my perception—it *is* wrong to treat people that way," she says.

But it was *Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health* by L. Ron Hubbard that really opened her eyes to what lies behind this kind of unkind and cruel behavior.

"Certain people I knew were just nasty. Before, I couldn't understand why," she says. "After reading *Dianetics* I did, and best of all I found an entire technology that addresses this kind of thing, that anyone can learn and use."

Clarizio, now 31, says it was a natural next step for her to join staff at the Church of Scientology of New York, where she continues to work today.

"I was born wanting to help people," she says. "Being a staff member of a Scientology Church, that's what I do every day. It was one of the best decisions I have ever made."

View the Adriana Clarizio video at Scientology.org.

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The popular "Meet a Scientologist" profiles on the Church of Scientology International Video Channel at Scientology.org now total more than 200 broadcast-quality documentary videos featuring Scientologists from diverse locations and walks of life. The personal stories are told by Scientologists who are educators, teenagers, skydivers, a golf instructor, a hip-hop dancer, IT manager, stunt pilot, mothers, fathers, dentists, photographers, actors, musicians, fashion designers, engineers, students, business owners and more.

A digital pioneer and leader in the online religious community, in April 2008 the Church of Scientology became the first major religion to launch its own official YouTube Video Channel, which has now been viewed by millions of visitors.



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